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Shriver: The Ethnic Voters' Candidate

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Every Italian-American in Congress except one is a Democrat, every Polish-American member of Congress except two are Democrats, every Greek-American member of Congress is a Democrat, every Spanish-speaking congressman except one is a Democrat, every black congressman is a Democrat—and every Irishman is a Democrat who's any good.

—From a Sargent Shriver campaign speech.

An old-fashioned Democratic campaign for national office, complete with attacks on Herbert Hoover and the singing of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," is being waged these days in the ethnic working-class centers of America.

The unlikely engineer of the campaign is Robert Sargent Shriver, the manor-born Democratic vice presidential nominee, who has been stumping the ethnic bastions of the East and Middle West in a tenacious attempt to regain the loyalties of traditional Democrats supposedly disaffected by the new politics of George McGovern.

In a 19-hour bus tour of New Jersey last Tuesday, which came close to matching the Hubert Humphrey record for non-stop campaigning, Shriver constantly invoked the party's historic economic liturgy and sprinkled his speeches with frequent references to its patron saint, Franklin Roosevelt, and to its modern martyr, John F. Kennedy.

The climax came at an overflow Democratic Party dinner in Camden, N.J., where Democratic candidates introduced each other for 40 minutes during a party ritual that began with a Catholic invocation, ended with a Jewish benediction, included the off-key caroling by the local sheriff of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and featured frequent references to the ethnic ori-

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